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C O N F I D E N T I A L ROME 1929

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SUBJECT: MINTOFF STOP IN ROME

DEPT PASS USINT CAIRO

REF: ROME 1601

1. FEBRUARY 7 ITALIAN PRESS REPORTED THAT PRIME MINISTER MINTOFF HAD TRANSITED ROME THAT DAY RETURNING FROM HIS TRIP TO MID-EAST, AND HAD MET WITH ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MORO DURING STOPOVER.

2. ON FEBRUARY 8 RESPONSIBLE ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL TOLD US THAT MORO/MINTOFF MEETING HAD BEEN DEVOTED PRIMARILY TO DISCUSSION OF MINTOFF'S MID-EAST TRIP. ACCORDING SOURCE, MINTOFF'S
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PRINCIPAL MISSION WAS TO SEEK LOWER PRICE FOR OIL, AND THIS

APPARENTLY WAS NOT RPT NOT SUCCESSFUL. MINTOFF INDICATED THAT HE HAD LOOKED PRIMARILY TO QADHAFI FOR CHEAPER OIL, BUT THAT LIBYANS HAD NOT RPT NOT COME THROUGH.

3. ON OTHER MID-EAS ASPECTS, MINTOFF TOLD MORO THAT SADAT WAS APPREHENSIVE THAT QADHAFI WOULD ATTEMPT IN SOME WAY TO UPSET MID-EAST PEACE PROCESS.

4. ANOTHER MFA SOURCE INFORMED US THAT HE HAD NOW RECEIVED WRITTEN REPORT ON MINTOFF'S JANUARY 31 CONVERSATION WITH ITALIAN PRIME MINISTER RUMOR (REFTEL). ACCORDING SOURCE, MINTOFF HAD BEEN VERY CRITICAL OF EC'S SLOWNESS IN DEVELOPING ITS MEDITERRANEAN POLICY. MINTOFF ACCUSED EC OF FORMULATING POLICIES DESIGNED TO "DOMINATE" NON-EC MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES, AND HE WARNED THAT RELATIONSHIP MUST BE EQUAL IN ALL RESPECTS. MINTOFF ALSO ASSERTED THAT EC'S MEDITERRANEAN POLICY SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO PERSIAN GULF COUNTRIES AS WELL.

5. OFFICIAL SAID THAT IN RESPONSE, ITALIANS REMINDED MINTOFF THAT THEY HAD TAKEN LEAD IN PRODDING EC ON MEDITERRANEAN POLICY, AND ALSO POINTED TO EC MOVES FOR COOPERATION WITH ARAB COUNTRIES AS EVIDENCE OF COMMUNITY'S BROADER VIEW.VOLPE

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED CAIRO.

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